

Mentor's Reflection by Mr. Jeff Getty, Sophia's Advanced Placement Psychology Teacher

Sophia Petrone is driven. She is a rock. She is smart. She is kind. She does what is right. She practices hard and she plays hard. She is determined to work hard and she accomplishes what she sets her mind to.

These are the things that most people see in Sophia Petrone. While true, these are not the attributes which makes her special. Anyone can be smart, diligent, and STUBBORN. What makes Sophia special, and what most people don't see about Sophia, is that she lives for others. She opens herself up to others. She cares about others. She wants her friends and classmates to have the same successes that she has worked so hard for. She relates to others. She has empathy for others. These are the qualities that set her apart from others.

When Sophia heard that spring sports may be cancelled, the first question she asked me was about the juniors who may need scholarships for college not being able to be seen by scouts. She asked about how we will be able to stay in touch if we aren't in school. She felt horrible that she would not get to help (and chat with) our 5th period class.

Sophia is truly one of a kind. While most people see her hard, driven, STUBBORN, and accomplished exterior, she is one of the most kind, caring, compassionate and empathetic people I know. Her experiences allow her to not only relate to others, but to help them and guide them. I will miss Sophia being in my classroom every day. Her kindness, her questions, her conversation, her leadership, her counsel, and even her STUBBORNNESS. She is an amazing student, athlete, woman, and person. Scecina, and especially me, was truly blessed to have her here for the past 4 years.

Senior's Reflection by Sophia Petrone

I chose Mr. Getty for my mentor. My brother and his friend, Jon, told me they liked him a lot when they were in school, so I took his APUSH and AP psych classes. I loved his psych class and Mr. Getty quickly became one of my favorite teachers. I had a lot of respect for Mr. Getty, but also loved being able to just talk and joke with him.

I was going to be a TA for Mr. Purvis, but he didn't need me, and Mr. Getty did. Being his TA was a blessing in disguise. I never knew how much I would enjoy having Mr. Getty as my teacher for another year. During Senior Retreat, as well as throughout the school year, I talked to Mr. Getty about a lot of things: my future, things going on in the world, things going on in my life, politics, or whatever was on my mind that day. I've enjoyed every conversation I've had with Mr. Getty and he is someone I would love to be like. He's a very funny, intelligent, and passionate person, and it he shows it in all he does. He helped me get a better understanding of the important things in life, and how to be a good person and leader.

Mr. Getty is extremely knowledgeable and a person I aspire to be like. Mr. Getty has had a huge impact on my life through my talks with him and seeing how he is as a person. I hope to one day be as impactful to this world as Mr. Getty.